



Women in Kilifi County participating in a series of barazas held in the coast region on sustainable peace. Photo Credit: IOM Kenya

## KENYA

### CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE PEACE IN THE COAST REGION

Kenya has a long history of insecurity and conflict that is driven by ethnic-based politics, inadequate systems, historic underdevelopment, pervasive corruption, disputes over land and natural resources, persistent poverty, high rates of youth unemployment, an uptick in violent extremism, and gender-discriminatory cultural norms and practices. Our programming is helping to transform relationships and rebuild trust in conflict-affected communities in 12 of 47 counties across the country.

The International Organization for Migration (IOM), in partnership with the Coast Interfaith Council of Clerics (CICC) Trust, is implementing the “*Contributing Towards Sustainable Peace in the Coast Region of Kenya: Mombasa, Kilifi, Lamu, and Tana River Counties*” program. It seeks to enhance local capacities and institutions for peace; improve linkages from the community, to the county, and national levels; and facilitate sustainable conflict mitigation and peaceful relations in conflict-affected communities in Kilifi, Lamu, Mombasa, and Tana River counties.

#### OUR WORK

The program works to re/build trust and promote social cohesion between communities, people of different faiths and ethnicity including women and youth, county officials, and security agents through a holistic and participatory peacebuilding people-to-people approach (P2P) that includes inter-

religious and inter-ethnic dialogue that helps the stakeholders to understand conflict, cultural, and ethnic dynamics that drive violence and conflict and design targeted interventions to address the same.

In achieving the program goals and objectives, the capacity of local peace committees is being enhanced to advance conflict prevention and mitigation at the community level. The program uses capacity development tools such as skills training, workshops, and community-led dialogue and forums involving local leaders, key local government actors, religious leaders, and women and youth groups.

The program promotes the active participation of local leaders and community members to enhance social cohesion and re/build stronger relationships within the communities to promote peace. It is also engaging in trauma healing for community members that have been affected by violence and conflict.

It also strengthens linkages between the community, county, and national levels to support local peacebuilding through increased participation of communities in all government peacebuilding programs and other development initiatives which promote unity, inclusion, and trust between communities and government.

**BUDGET:** \$1,269,000

**DURATION**  
2019 – 2021

**PROGRAM LOCATIONS**  
Kilifi, Lamu, Mombasa, and Tana River Counties

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## ACHIEVEMENTS

- 11 workshops/meetings held with 48 (29 male and 19 female) religious leaders, county government officials, women, youth, and elders.
- Two capacity development training for CICC management and technical staff and IOM field staff on developing quality research and a communication policy, attended by 19 (11 male 8 female) participants.
- 12 women barazas (meetings) held and attended by 482 participants.
- 13 Youth Accountability Forums held and attended by 480 (268 male and 212 female) youth.
- Four community theatre outreach events in four counties reaching 178 (133 male and 45 female) people.
- Four mediation and conflict resolution training sessions in Lamu and Tana River counties with 38 (21 male and 17 female) participants.
- On-going conflict assessment in the four counties.